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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

1.136(a) and a requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2001, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An interleaving method comprising the steps of:

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